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## Banks.

**HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.**  
PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.  
RESERVE FUND, 1,500,000 Dollars.

**COURT OF DIRECTORS.**  
Chairman—The Hon. W. KESWICK.  
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ADOLF ANDER, Esq. H. HOFFER, Esq.  
K. R. BRILLIANT, Esq. F. D. BARNES, Esq.  
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**CHIEF MANAGER.**  
HONGKONG—THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.  
MANAGER.  
SHANGHAI—EVEN CAMERON, Esq.  
LONDON BANKERS—London and County Bank.

**HONGKONG.**  
INTEREST ALLOWED.  
On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.  
For Fixed Deposits:  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 " " "  
" 12 " 5 " " "

**LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.**  
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.  
Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.  
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager  
Office of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East,  
Hongkong, March 17, 1880.

**COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.**  
(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

**RECOGNISED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30th April, 1862.**  
CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP, £3,200,000.  
RESERVE FUND, £800,000.

**HEAD OFFICE—14, RUE BERGEE, PARIS.**

**AGENCIES AND BRANCHES at:**  
LONDON, BOURBON, SAN FRANCISCO, MARSEILLE, BOMBAY, HONGKONG, LYONS, CALCUTTA, HANKOW, NANTES, SHANGHAI, FOOCHOW.

**LONDON BANKERS:**  
THE BANK OF ENGLAND.  
THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking and Exchange Business.  
E. G. VOULLEMONT, Manager, Shanghai.  
Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

**ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.**  
(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £1,500,000.

**RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.**  
At 3 months notice 3 1/2 per annum.  
" 6 " " 4 " "  
" 12 " " 5 " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.  
GEO. O. SCOTT, Acting Manager.  
Oriental Bank Corporation,  
Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

**CHARTERED MERCHANT BANK OF INDIA, LONDON & CHINA.**  
(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

The following Rates of Interest are allowed on Fixed Deposits:  
For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 " "  
" 3 " 3 " "

H. H. NELSON, Manager.  
Hongkong, May 31, 1879.

## Banks.

**CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.**

CAPITAL, £200,000.  
RESERVE FUND, £150,000.

**THE BANK OF ENGLAND.**  
THE CITY BANK.

**NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.**

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East, buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

**RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.**  
On Current Accounts, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.  
On Fixed Deposits:  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 " "  
" 12 " 5 " "

**NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.**

Registered in London under the Companies' Act of 1862, on 23rd March, 1866.

Established in Calcutta 20th September, 1863.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £233,000.  
PAID-UP CAPITAL, £465,450.  
RESERVE FUND, £20,000.

**HEAD OFFICE—39A, THE FINESTREET, LONDON, E.C.**

**LONDON BANKERS:**  
NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND.  
NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

All descriptions of Banking and Exchange business transacted.  
INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance and on Fixed Deposits according to arrangement—the maximum rate being 5 per cent. per annum.

R. H. SANDERMAN, Manager.  
Hongkong, November 1, 1879.

## Notices of Firms.

**NOTICE.**  
I HAVE THIS DAY ESTABLISHED MYSELF AS A MERCHANT, AND COMMISSION AGENT.  
HARRY W. KING.  
CLUB CHAMBERS,  
HONGKONG, April 2, 1880.

**NOTICE.**  
MR. PHILIP ARNOLD has been authorized to SIGN our Firm per Procuration in HONGKONG and CHINA.  
ARNOLD, KARBERG & Co.  
Hongkong, April 1, 1880.

**NOTICE.**  
MR. ROBERT HOWIE and Mr. RONALD GREIG are authorized to SIGN our Firm per Procuration from this Date.  
DEACON & Co.  
Canton, March 31, 1880.

**NOTICE.**  
I HAVE THIS DAY ESTABLISHED MYSELF AS GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT AND AUCTIONEER in this Colony, at 48, Queen's Road Central, under the Style or Firm of "EPA DA SILVA & Co."  
A. A. EPA DA SILVA.  
Hongkong, March 20, 1880.

**NOTICE.**  
MR. R. O. STEVENS is hereby authorized to SIGN our Name by Procuration at AMOY, the Power held by Mr. ELLIOT BEASING from this Date.  
RUSSELL & Co.  
China, February 9, 1880.

**NOTICE.**  
THE UNDERSIGNED have been appointed AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD OF UNDERWRITERS.  
ARNOLD, KARBERG & Co.  
Hongkong, Sept. 3, 1879.

**RECORD OF AMERICAN AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.**  
Agents,  
ARNOLD, KARBERG & Co.  
Hongkong, Sept. 3, 1879.

## For Sale.

**FOR SALE.**  
JULES MUM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE.  
Quarts, \$10 per 100 Cases.  
Pints, \$17 per 200 Cases.  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.  
Hongkong, February 2, 1880.

**FOR SALE.**  
THE FURNISHINGS, FIXTURES, STOCK-IN-TRADE and GOON-WILL of the well-known and prosperous Business at present carried on by Mr. ANDREW WOLKERS at  
THE BRITISH HOTEL.  
Full Particulars will be given on Application.  
Hongkong, January 23, 1880.

**WASHINGTON BOOKS.**  
(In English and Chinese.)  
WASHINGTON'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office—Price, \$1 each.  
CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

**THE BRITISH HOTEL.**  
Full Particulars will be given on Application.  
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WASHINGTON'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office—Price, \$1 each.  
CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

## For Sale.

**LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.**

HAVE JUST RECEIVED EX "GLENFALLOCH" AND OTHER LATE ARRIVALS.

PEAR'S TRANSPARENT SOAPS in Tablets and Balls.  
HANDMADE ASSORTED PERFUMES.  
SILVER'S TABLE, BRACKET, and Hanging LAMPS (fitted with Storm Burners).  
DEVON'S KEROSINE (tested to 60° Fahr).  
American Reading LAMPS for Kerosine.  
REVOLVERS and CARTRIDGES.  
TELESCOPES and FIELD GLASSES.  
PORTMANTEAUX and TRAVELLING BAGS, and RUG STRIPS.  
DESKS and DESPATCH BOXES.  
CHUBB'S CASH, PAPER, and DEED BOXES.  
CHUBB'S BOX, PAD and D. OR LOCKS.

TAUCHNITZ and OTHER NOVELS.  
WORKS OF REPERMOR.  
Table CUTLERY and PENKNIVES.  
GLASS and Electro-Plated WARE.  
CIGARS and CIGARETTES "Golden Cloud".  
TOBACCO.  
PIPES, CIGAR and CIGARETTE HOLDERS.  
Waterproof COATS (very light).  
UMBRELLAS "Automatic Patent".  
Lawn Tennis BATS and BALLS.  
PITH HATS and HELMETS, Straw HATS.

SAUMUI.  
BRANDY, WHISKY, GIN and RUM.  
ALE and STOUT, bottled by Foster.  
CASSON and BLACKWELL'S STORES, French JAMS, &c., &c.  
Hongkong, April 1, 1880.

## For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have always on Hand a Stock of Messrs JAMES BROADWOOD & SONS' PIANOFORTES in various Styles for SALE, on Hire, or on a system Combining Hire with purchase by which part of the Purchase Money is paid at once, and the Balance by monthly instalments extending over three years.  
Mr. DOUGLAS DALE has practical experience as a Piano Tuner and Repairer—having passed through Messrs BROADWOOD'S FACTORIES—and any Work entrusted to him will be carefully and efficiently performed.  
Inspection of PIANOS in Stock is invited.  
March 13, 1880.

**KELLY & WALSH.**  
HAVE JUST RECEIVED A QUANTITY OF NEW MULTI-LIX COYING APPARATUS, from which 100 Good Copies of any writing can be taken from one writing. The system is most simple and by far the most perfect of the many kinds lately offered to be had in the following sizes—Large, Small, and Pocket.  
Price, including 1 lb. of paper, &c., from \$5.50.  
Hongkong, April 7, 1880.

**FOR SALE.**  
A BROADWOOD BOUDOIR GRAND PIANO, in perfect Condition.  
Apply to R. LYALL, at NORMAN & Co., Queen's Road.  
Hongkong, March 31, 1880.

**TO LET.**  
FOREIGN DWELLING HOUSES in the HOLLYWOOD ROAD, containing 12 Rooms and OUT-HOUSES.  
Nos. 3 and 9, SEYMOUR TERRACE.  
Apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co. Hongkong, April 7, 1880.

**TO LET.**  
THE HOUSE and GODOWNS situated on Praya Central, Nos. 19/20, at present occupied by Messrs W. B. SPART & Co.  
Apply to TURNER & Co. Hongkong, April 3, 1880.

**TO LET.**  
VICTORIA PEAK—SUMMER RESIDENCE.  
Apply to J. G. SMITH & Co., 5, Duddell Street.  
Hongkong, March 31, 1880.

**TO LET.**  
COMMERCIAL BUILDING, with 10 Rooms, in the Victoria Road, near the Police Station.  
Apply to J. G. SMITH & Co., 5, Duddell Street.  
Hongkong, March 31, 1880.

**TO LET.**  
ON MARINE LOT No. 65, FIRST-CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS.  
Apply to MEYER & Co. Hongkong, July 25, 1879.

**TO LET.**  
FURNISHED HOUSE IN CAINE ROAD.  
Apply H. A. WOOLNOUR, Hongkong Dispensary.  
Hongkong, March 25, 1880.

**TO LET.**  
ON LEASE FOR BUILDING, a Piece of Ground, containing about 10,000 square Feet, at "PRIMA GARDEN" on Island Lot No. 199, commanding a good view of the harbour.  
Apply to BREKTON & WOTTON, Solicitors, 29, Queen's Road.  
Hongkong, February 4, 1880.

**TO LET.**  
TWO HOUSES, Nos. 14 and 16, Stanley Street, lately in the occupation of the TEMPERANCE HALL.  
Apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, February 7, 1880.

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Hongkong, February 4, 1880.

## Intimations.

**NOTICE.**  
In the Matter of the SHANGHAI FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.  
IN LIQUIDATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that an Extraordinary Meeting of the Shareholders of the above Company, held at the Head Office, Nos. 8 and 9, Praya West, Victoria, in the Island of Hongkong, on the 17th day of December, 1879, was resolved to dissolve and wind up the said Company, and that all outstanding Policies should be redeemed. Such outstanding Policies having now been redeemed, all Persons having any CLAIM against the above Company are hereby requested to forward full particulars thereof to the Liquidators of the said Company on or before the 10th day of May next, after which date a General Distribution of the Assets will take place, and no CLAIM will be admitted thereafter.

Dated the 25th day of March, 1880.  
BREKTON & WOTTON,  
29, Queen's Road, Hongkong.  
Solicitors for the SHANGHAI FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

**NOTICE.**  
OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.  
Shanghai, 1st April, 1880.

A TWELFTH RETURN OF CAPITAL AND A LIQUIDATION of the Assets of the SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED, will be made to Shareholders of Record on 2nd April, Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on FRIDAY, 9th April.

Warrants will then be delivered by the Undersigned to Shareholders, or their lawful representatives, on presentation of Share Certificates for Record on 2nd April, and the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 9th April, inclusive.

By Order, RUSSELL & Co., Liquidators.

**THE COSMOPOLITAN DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
REGISTERED UNDER THE COMPANIES' ORDINANCE 1865, AND THE COMPANIES' ORDINANCE 1877.

CAPITAL \$500,000, DIVIDED INTO 5,000 SHARES OF \$100 EACH FULLY PAID UP.

General Agents, Messrs RUSSELL & Co.

**Directors.**  
WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, Esq. J. A. DOS REATOS, Esq. K. W. K. CHONG, Esq. C. VINCENT SMITH, Esq.

**Bankers.**  
THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

**Solicitors.**  
Messrs BREKTON and WOTTON.

This Company has been formed for the purpose of acquiring from the Proprietors of the COSMOPOLITAN DOCK, their Dock and the Ground and Premises adjoining therewith, with the Plant, Machinery, and Stock-in-Trade of the parties aforesaid, and of carrying on the business of ship-repairing and engineering in the Colony of Hongkong. For this purpose an absolute assignment dated the 31st day of January, 1880, was entered into by Messrs WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, FRANK BLACKWELL FORBES, SAMUEL WILKES FORBES, J. H. JONES, JOHN AUBREY FORBES, JAMES FRANKLIN DELANO HITCH, HENRY DE COUSSEY FORBES, and CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, Merchants, trading as RUSSELL & Co., as Trustees of WILLIAM BULTON SPART, ANDREW JOHNSON, and NELSON SPART, the owners of the said Cosmopolitan Dock with Messrs K. W. K. CHONG, WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, CHARLES VINCENT SMITH, and JOSE ANTONIO DOS REATOS, directors of the said company, for the purchase of all the premises mentioned, without further contribution for the price or sum of \$200,000, subject to the condition that if the stock-in-trade consisting of Wood and Iron be not valued by a competent valuator at a sum not less than \$100,000, the said sum of \$200,000 shall abate accordingly.

The Cosmopolitan Dock is of sufficient dimensions to dock the largest Vessels afloat; and the Plant and Machinery being thereto are now in perfect order. The business of Building, Docking, Laying, and repairing Vessels is in full operation, so that the Company can at once enter upon active business, which it is expected will be highly remunerative.

The business of the Company will be conducted by Messrs RUSSELL & Co., as General Agents, assisted by a Board of Directors. About Four Thousand Shares have been already taken up, and it is intended that the Capital will be called up as follows:—\$75 per share on allotment, \$25 per share on the 1st day of May, 1880.

All unpaid Capital after that date shall bear interest at 12 per cent. per annum. Application for Shares, which shall be in the annexed form, will be received by the Agents, up to the 15th day of April, 1880.

**THE COSMOPOLITAN DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
To Messrs RUSSELL & Co., General Agents.

GENTLEMEN,—I hereby request that you will allot Shares in the above Company, and agree to accept same, or any less number you may allot to, and agree to pay the first call of \$75 per share on allotment, and the second call of \$25 per share on the 1st day of May, 1880, and to subscribe the Articles of Association when required to do so.

Yours obedient Servant,  
N.B.—Blank Form of Application for Shares may be had at the Office of the General Agents.

## Intimations.

**WANTED.**  
FOR H.M.S. Charybdis, proceeding to ENGLAND, a VIOLIN PLAYER.—Apply on BOARD.  
Hongkong, April 9, 1880.

**HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS.**  
GOODS RECEIVED ON STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision; and VESSELS Discharged alongside the Wharf, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch. Also a fine Godown to be let.  
MEYER & Co.  
Hongkong, April 1, 1880.

**DENTAL NOTICE.**  
DR. ROGERS, now on a visit to SHANGHAI, will return to HONGKONG early in the Winter as usual.  
Hongkong, April 1, 1880.

**NEWS FOR HOME.**  
The Overland China Mail (The oldest Overland Paper in China.) PUBLISHED AT THE "CHINA MAIL" OFFICE, IN TIME FOR THE ENGLISH MAIL.  
Containing from 72 to 84 columns of closely printed matter.

**Shipping.**  
THIS Mail Summary is compiled from the Daily China Mail, is published twice a month on the morning of the English Mail's departure, and is a record of cargo, freight, and current history of events in China and Japan, contributed in original reports and collated from the journals published at the various ports to those Countries.

It contains Shipping news from Shanghai, Hongkong, Canton, &c., and a complete Commercial Summary.  
Subscription, 50 cents per Copy (postage paid 50 cents.) \$12 per annum (postage paid \$13 50).  
Orders should be sent to GEO. MURRAY, China Mail Office, 2, Wyndham Street, not later than noon of the day the English Mail Steamer leaves.

Terms of Advertising, same as in Daily China Mail.

**DYNAMITE, FUSES, DETONATORS &c.**  
FROM NOBEL'S PATENT FUSIVES CO., LIMITED, GLASGOW, can be had in any Quantity on application to THE BORNEO Co., Ltd., Agents.  
Hongkong, March 8, 1880.

## Shipping.

**Steamers.**  
FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW. The Steamship "Douglas," Captain YOUNG, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 13th Inst, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, April 9, 1880.

**STEAM TO BOMBAY VIA STRAITS.**  
The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship "Adria," Captain VALLI, will leave for the above Port on the 18th Inst.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, April 8, 1880.

**OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.**  
FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL. The Steamship "Agamemnon," Captain WILKES, will be despatched for the above Port on or about the 13th April.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.  
Hongkong, March 30, 1880.

**FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.**  
The Steamship "Moray," Captain BUCHER, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 15th Inst, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. Hongkong, April 7, 1880.

**FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.**  
The Steamship "Japan," Captain T. S. GARDNER, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 15th Inst, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, April 7, 1880.

**FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.**  
Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for all AUSTRALIA and NEW ZEALAND PORTS.

The Steamship "Oriskany," T. ROWAN, Commander, will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 15th Inst, at 4 p.m., instead of as previously notified.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GEO. R. STEVENSON & Co. Hongkong, April 9, 1880.

## Shipping.

**Steamers.**  
FOR SINGAPORE, BUISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE. (Calling off the usual Coast Ports, and taking through Cargo and Passengers for New Zealand.)

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer "Somerset" will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 14th April, at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Hongkong, March 30, 1880.

**OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.**  
FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY (Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for CHEFOO, NEWCHANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship "Humboldt," Captain M. F. POLE, will be despatched on or about the 14th Inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.  
Hongkong, April 6, 1880.

**OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.**  
FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL. The Co.'s Steamship "Capt. R. F. POLE, will be despatched on or about 21st Inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.  
Hongkong, April 9, 1880.

**NOTICE.**  
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. L'PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Co.'s Steamship "Tigre," Commandant REYRIER, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA and other ports on the next French Mail from Europe.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.  
Hongkong, April 6, 1880.

**NOTICE.**  
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. L'PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Co.'s Steamship "Anadyr," Commandant L. ROUSSEAU, will be despatched for HANGKOW and other ports on the next French Mail from Europe.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.  
Hongkong, April 6, 1880.

## Sailing Vessels.

**FOR NEW YORK.**  
The A. 1. American Ship "Centauria," Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co. Hongkong, April 8, 1880.

**FOR NEW YORK.**  
The A. 1. British Bark "Palatine," Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co. Hongkong, April 8, 1880.

**FOR SAN FRANCISCO.**  
The A. 1. American Ship "Samatra," Captain CLOVER, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co. Hongkong, March 27, 1880.



**For Sale.**

**MacEwen, FRICKEL & Co.**  
JUST RECEIVED AND FOR SALE  
NEW AND POPULAR BOOKS.

EDUCATIONAL,  
HISTORICAL,  
WORKS OF REFERENCE,  
FICTION, AND  
GENERAL LITERATURE.

"English Circumnavigators."  
Macon's "Great Triumph of Great Men."  
Herbert's "Great Historical Mutinies."  
Monier's "Famous Historical Scenes."  
"English Explorers."  
Mason's "Book for Every Day."  
Brook's "Book of Notable Women."  
Small's "100 Wonders of the World."  
Craol's "Book about Travellers."  
Burns's "Poetical Works."  
Pope's "Poetical Works."  
Byron's "Poetical Works."  
"Roses and Holly."  
"Pen and Pencil Pictures from Poets."  
"Gems of Literature."  
"Book of Elegiac Extracts."  
"Golden Gift Book."  
"Treasury of Literature."  
"Garland of Poetry and Prose."  
"Cabinets of Gems."  
"Three Hundred Bible Stories."  
Buynan's "Pilgrim Progress and Holy War."  
Storm's "Handy English Word Book."  
"Fifty Celebrated Men."  
"Robinson Crusoe."  
"Household Stories."  
Noyes's "Boys' Book of Industrial Information."  
"Famous Boys."  
"Merchant's Clerk."  
"Poe's Tales of Mystery."  
Beeton's "Dictionary of Information."  
Beeton's "Dictionary of Natural History."  
Beeton's "Dictionary of Biography."  
Beeton's "Law Book."  
Beeton's "Household Management."  
Beeton's "All about Cookery."  
Beeton's "All about Hard Words."  
Beeton's "All about Everything."  
Beeton's "All about Gardening."  
Beeton's "Household Amusement."  
Loe's "Law of Shipping and Insurance."  
"Walsh on the Ship."  
"The Dog by Stomach."  
Gardner's "Household Medicine."  
Piddington's "Sailors' Horn Book."  
Goodfellow's "Mechanic's Calculator."  
"Girls' Own Treasury."  
Pope's "Boys' Play Book Science."  
Roberts's "Boiler Maker, &c."  
Buynan's "Law of Fire Insurance."  
Byrne's "Essential Elements of Practical Mechanics."  
"Corner Cupboard."  
Craol's "Climate and Time."  
Dawson's "Origins of the World."  
"Church Services."  
Whittaker's "Almanack for 1880."  
Duncan's "Transformation of Insects."  
Jones's "Book-Keeping."  
Jones's "Book-Keeping for Schools, with Key."  
Cassell's "Set of Ruled Books for Book-Keeping Lessons."  
Cassell's "French and English Correspondence."  
Cornwall's "Geography."  
Cornwall's "Arithmetic."  
Cornwall's "Grammar."  
Murray's "Grammar."  
MacCulloch's "Course of Reading."  
"Practical Arithmetic" Senior.  
Smith's "Smaller History of Greece."  
Smith's "Smaller History of Rome."  
Muller's "Rise and Fall of Dutch Republic."  
Mottley's "United Netherlands."  
Barnevelt's "Life and Death."  
"Enquire Within."  
Norris's "Epitome."  
"Ingoldsby Legends."  
Bunue's "Essays."  
Smith's "Wealth of Nations."  
"Boys' Own Treasury."  
"Comic History of England."  
"Comic History of Rome."  
"Carpenter's Synonymy."  
Rogers's "Thesaurus."  
Craol's "English Synonymy."  
Anderson's "Miscellaneous Correspondence."  
Blakeley's "Commercial Dictionary."  
"Slang Dictionary."  
Nuttall's "Standard Dictionary."  
Ogilvie's "Students' Dictionary."  
Ogilvie's "Smaller Dictionary."  
Smith's "Synonymy."  
"Dictionary of Quotations."  
Chambers's "Arithmetic and Key."  
"Manual of Arithmetic."  
"Manual of Mechanics."  
"Manual of Steam Engine."  
"Manual of Tides and Tidal Currents."  
"Manual of Mathematical Tables."  
Dickens's "Child's History of England."  
Head Book Travel Talk."  
Bancroft's "History of United States."  
"Child's Guide to Knowledge."  
"Child's Fable Book."  
Maudsley's "Treasury of Knowledge."  
Maudsley's "Biographical Treasury."  
Maudsley's "Historical and Historical Treasury."  
Maudsley's "National History."  
Ayer's "Bible History."  
Fertner's "Comprehensive Specifier."  
Froude's "Short Studies."  
Bourne's "Recent Improvements."  
Hume's "History of England."  
White's "Latin and English Dictionary."  
Buckley's "History of Civilization in England."  
Amos's "Primer English Constitution."  
Swimburne's "Picture Logic."  
Smith's "Wit and Wisdom."  
Gray's "Catalogue of Postage Stamps."  
Burn's "Self Aid Cyclopedia."  
Jones's "English System of Book-Keeping."  
"Manners Modern Society."  
Routledge's "Boys' Annual."  
"Language, &c. of Flowers."  
Spencer's "Social Statics."  
Spencer's "Study of Sociology."  
Spencer's "First Principles."  
Spencer's "Principles of Sociology."  
Spencer's "Ceremonial Government."  
Spencer's "Essays."  
Huxley's "Dictionary of Science."  
Smyth's "Our Inheritance in the Great Pyramid."  
Hawwell's "Engineer's and Mechanic's Pocket Book."  
"Voyage of H.M.S. Challenger."  
"Cosmical History."  
"Weekly Welcome."  
Macaulay's "History of England."  
Macaulay's "Critical and Historical Essays."  
Macaulay's "Writings and Speeches."  
"Cabinet Lawyer."  
Shayard's "Fall of Rome."  
Dr. Allen's "Studies in French and German."  
Ollendorff's "Method" in the study of Language adapted to the French, Spanish and German.

**NOVELS.**  
"School Books, Maps, &c. &c."  
Hongkong, March 24, 1880.

**Insurances.**

**SWISS LLOYD**  
TRANSPORT INSURANCE COMPANY  
OF WINTERTHUR.

INSURANCES granted on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World.  
MEYER & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, June 3, 1879. 3ja80

**SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
FIRE AND LIFE.

INSURANCES against FIRE granted at Current Rates. Considerable Reduction in Premium for LIFE Insurance in China.  
MEYER & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, June 3, 1879. 2ja80

**MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.**  
ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling of which is paid up £100,000  
Reserve Fund upwards of £120,000  
Annual Income £250,000

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai, and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

**HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.**  
Hongkong, October 15, 1868.

**Notices to Consignees.**

**NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.**  
S. S. "SUMIDA MARU," FROM KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or re-loading, on board, after TUESDAY, the 13th instant, will be landed and stored at Consignees' expense and risk.  
No Fire Insurance will be effected.

**MITSU BISHI MITSU S. Co.,**  
50A, Queen's Road Central.  
Hongkong, April 10, 1880. ap17

**FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.**

THE S. S. "GASANDRA," Capt. H. LANGER, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained. Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 2 p.m. To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 13th instant will be subject to rent.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

**SIEMSEN & Co.,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, April 7, 1880. ap14

**FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.**

THE S. S. "GASANDRA" having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained. Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 1 p.m. To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 13th instant will be subject to rent.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

**JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.**  
Hongkong, April 6, 1880. ap13

**COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.**

**NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.**

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.

**Ex Yangtze.**  
M G No. 904,925, Mr. A. d'Argence, 2 cases Tobacco, from Marseilles.

**Ex Oze.**  
B B (in sq.) 66/71, Or, 6 cases Brass 219  
A D 1/4, Mr. A. d'Argence, 4 cases Tobacco, from Marseilles.  
W & C 188/80, Order, 3 cases Merchandise, from Marseilles.

**EN & C Order, 14 bags Sharp Stones, from Madras.**  
G. DE GRAMPEAUX,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, April 6, 1880.

**To-day's Advertisements.**

**OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.**  
FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Co's Steamship "Albatross," Capt. R. J. BROWN, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 13th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

**BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, April 12, 1880. ap18

**FOR MANILA.**  
The Steamship "Diamond," Capt. CURTIS, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 13th instant, at 4 p.m., instead of as previously notified.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

**RUSSELL & Co.**  
Hongkong, April 12, 1880. ap13

**To-day's Advertisements.**

**OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.**  
FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for CHEEFOO, NEWCHANG, TIEN-TSIN, HANKOW and FORTS on the YANGTZE.)

The Co's Steamship "Diamond," Capt. M. H. F. JACKSON, will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, 14th instant, at 5 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

**BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, April 12, 1880. ap14

**FOR AMOY, TAMSUI & TAIWANFOO.**  
The Steamship "Albatross," Capt. F. ASHTON, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 15th inst., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

**DOUGLAS LARPAIK & Co.**  
Hongkong, April 12, 1880. ap15

**NOTICE.**

**SEALED TENDERS FOR CLEANING AND PAINTING the Spanish Aviso MARQUES DEL DUERO.** will be received in this Consulate, Ball's Court No. 1, until the 16th instant, at Noon, when the Tenders will be opened and read and the lowest one preferred.

For further Particulars, apply to the Undersigned or to the Commander on board the same Ship.

**A. MENCARINI,**  
Consul for Spain.  
Hongkong, 12th April, 1880. ap15

**NORTH CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Fourth Ordinary General Meeting of the SHAREHOLDERS of this Company will be held at the Head Office, Shanghai, on TUESDAY, the 17th inst., at 2.30 p.m., for presentation of the Report and Accounts for the half-year ending 31st December, 1879; election of Directors and Auditors; and declaration of Dividends for the year, 1879.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
**J. KENNARD DAVIS,**  
Acting Secretary.  
Shanghai, 7th April, 1880. ap19

**NORTH CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY.**

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will remain "LOST" from this Date until the 20th instant, inclusive.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
**J. KENNARD DAVIS,**  
Acting Secretary.  
Shanghai, 7th April, 1880. ap19

**Not Responsible for Debts.**

Nether the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

**FLIZA HAWLEY**, British barque, Capt. J. Tuckey.—Melchers & Co.  
**PALESTINE**, British barque, Capt. Thos. B. Maynard.—Meyer & Co.  
**JAMES S. STONE**, American barque, Capt. John Weston, Jr.—Captains.  
**LYDIA**, German steamer, Capt. P. Paulsen.—Siemens & Co.  
**ANNIE S. HALL**, American barkentine, Capt. Chas. H. Nelson.—Wheeler & Co.

**SHIPPING.**

**ARRIVALS.**

April 11, *Margues del Duero*, Spanish despatch vessel, 600, Don Guillermo Lobos, Saigon April 7.

April 11, *Cherson*, Wallonia, Siamese ship, 650, G. Ulrich, Bangkok March 16, General.—CHINESE.

April 11, *Star*, American schooner, 408, Day, Taiwanfo April 5, General.—ADAMSON, BENZ & Co.

April 11, *Strathmore*, British barque, 1103, William Anderson, Swatow April 10, Ballant.—CAPTAIN.

April 11, *Annie S. Hall*, American barkentine, 455, Chas. H. Nelson, Haiphong March 17, Ballant.—WHEELER & Co.

April 11, *Tibet*, French steamer, 1004, Rapier, Yokohama April 4, Mails and General.—MESSAGIERIES MARITIMES.

April 11, *Lydia*, German steamer, 1170, P. Paulsen, Saigon April 7, Rice.—SIEMSEN & Co.

April 11, *Orestes*, British steamer, 1323, Webster, Nagasaki April 7, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

April 11, *Deception*, British steamer, 1639, Brown, Shanghai April 10, Mails and General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

April 11, *Yokohama*, British steamer, 993, S. L. Clark, Saigon April 7, Rice.—BUS HIN CHAN.

April 11, *Glenlyon*, British steamer, 1374, J. Wallace, Saigon April 8, Rice.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

April 11, *Hwai Yen*, Chinese steamer, from Canton.

April 12, *Chean*, Chinese gunboat, from Foochow.

April 12, *Yokohama*, British steamer, 286, D. McQuigall, Swatow April 11, General.—KWOK ACHONG.

April 12, *Lionel*, British steamer, 1240, Jackson, Liverpool Feb. 20, and Singapore, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

April 12, *Amazon*, French steamer, 2102, Lormier, Shanghai April 9, Mails and General.—MESSAGIERIES MARITIMES.

April 12, *Albatross*, British steamer, 306, F. Ashton, Yokohama April 8, Taiwanfo 10, for forwarding; Correspondence to Maritima, E. Africa, the Cape, St. Helena, and Alexandria.

April 12, *Sumida Maru*, Japan, steamer, 826, Hubinet, Yokohama April 8, Kobe 6, General.—MITSU BISHI MITSU S. Co.

April 12, *Hongkong*, German 3-masted schooner, 200, Oze, Manila, Wood.—ANSTON, KARRER & Co.

**DEPARTURES.**

Apr. 11, *Haimen*, for Hailow.

12, *Chean*, Obl. gunboat, for Canton.

12, *H.M.S. Frolic*, for Singapore.

12, *Hwai Yen*, for Shanghai.

12, *Heperia*, for Swatow.

**DEPARTED.**

Per *Haimen*, for Hailow, Mon. Phee and 16 Chinese.

Per *Hwai Yen*, for Shanghai, 115 Chinese.

Per *Heperia*, for Swatow, 60 Chinese.

**TO DEPART.**

Per *Douglas*, for Coast Port, 8 Europeans, and 230 Chinese.

**POST OFFICE NOTICES.**

**MAILS will close:—**

**MAILS BY THE THOMAS STRAITS PACKET.**  
The Australian Contract Packet *Somerset*, will be despatched from Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 14th instant, with Mails for Singapore, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cleveland Bay, Bowen, Keppel Bay, Brisbane, Sydney, Tasmania, New Zealand, Fiji, and Melbourne.

Correspondence cannot be registered after 1.15 p.m.

The Mails will be closed at 1.30. Supplementary mail on board with 10 cents late fee for full time of departure.

Correspondence for Southern and Western Australia can be sent by this route if it be sent to it via Galle.

Hongkong, April 8, 1880. ap14

**MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.**  
The United States Packet *City of Tokio*, will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 1st May, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c. which will be closed as follows:—

0.15 p.m.—Registry closes.

0.30 p.m.—Post-Office closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 10 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-West India (except the Bahamas and Hayti), Monte Video, Paraguay, and Uruguay cannot be sent by this route.

Hongkong, April 12, 1880. my1

**HOURS OF CLOSING.**

**THE FRENCH MAILS.**  
The following hours are observed in closing Mails, &c., by the French Contract Packet:—

Day before Departure,—

5 p.m.—Money Order Office closes.

Post Office closes, except the Night Box, which is always open out of Office hours.

Day of Departure,—

7 a.m.—Post Office opens.

10 a.m.—Registry of Letters ceases.

Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.

11 a.m.—Mails closed, except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m.—Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 10 cents until

11.30 a.m.—when the Post Office closes entirely.

11.40 a.m.—Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee of 10 cents until time of departure.

**HOURS OF CLOSING.**

**THE ENGLISH MAIL.**  
The following hours are observed in closing Mails, &c., by the British Contract Packet:—

Day of Departure,—

1 p.m.—Money Order Office closes.

3 p.m.—Registry of Letters ceases.

Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.

4 p.m.—Mails closed, except for Late Letters.

4.10 p.m.—Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 10 cents until

4.30 p.m.—when the Post Office closes entirely.

4.40 p.m.—Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee of 10 cents until time of departure.

**Shipping Intelligence.**

The following is corrected from the latest London and Colonial Papers, &c.:—

**VESSELS TO ARRIVE.**  
AT HONGKONG.

Left.	Name.	From.
Aug.	9, Eliz. Rickmers,	Penarth
17,	Goldstream,	Antwerp
Sept.	28, G. Broughton,	Floresing
Oct.	11, Pym,	Antwerp
24,	West Glen,	Antwerp
26,	Bernhard Carl, (for Swatow)	Penarth
30,	Marie Louise,	Antwerp
Nov.	16, Elida,	Penarth
19,	Joseph,	Floresing
22,	Fleider,	Antwerp
Dec.	13, Cleveland,	Newcastle
19,	William Ritzon,	London
20,	G. F. Muniz,	Newport
27,	M'Nair,	Penarth
Jan.	1, Pizarro,	Newcastle (new)
9,	Singapore,	Antwerp
10,	Lara,	Antwerp
19,	Nagara,	Hamburg
19,	Annie W. Weston,	New York
21,	El Capitán,	New York
21,	Lothair,	Cardiff
29,	James Shepherd,	New York
31,	Hope,	London
31,	Melrose,	London
Feb.	3, Seston (s.),	London
10,	Lar,	Antwerp
11,	Cora,	Antwerp
12,	Clunnam,	Cardiff
18,	Sunbeam (s.),	London
19,	Valley of Lorne (s.),	London
28,	Calabria (s.),	London
Mar.	2, Monmouth (s.),	Newcastle (new)
4,	London Castle (s.),	London

**LOADING FOR CHINA AND JAPAN PORTS.**  
At London.—Steamers *etia* *Suez Canal*.  
Harter, *Strathmore*, *Radnorshire*, *Celtic Monarch*.

**Sailing Vessels.**

Name.	At Liverpool.	At Hamburg.	At Antwerp.	At Val de Nith.	At Glasgow.	At Montenegro.	At N.W.S.W.
Raphael.	At Liverpool.						
Achilles (s.).	At Hamburg.						
Hansa.	At Antwerp.						
General Fairchild.	At Val de Nith.						
Hungerford (s.).	At Glasgow.						
At Newcastle, N.W.S.W.							
Joy.	At Liverpool.						

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

**MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.**

**Shipping.**

Daylight.—*Deception* leaves for London.

Noon.—*Adria* leaves for Bombay.

4 p.m.—*Diamond* leaves for Manila.

Goods per *Sumida Maru* undelivered will be landed.

Goods per *Glencoe* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Goods per *Cassandra* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

**General Memoranda.**

WEDNESDAY, April 14.—

Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

4 p.m.—*Somerset* leaves for Singapore, Brisbane, &c.

5 p.m.—*Diamond* leaves for Shanghai.

THURSDAY, April 15.—

Daylight.—*Albatross* leaves for Amoy, &c.

Noon.—Tenders for Clean'g and Painting the *Marques Duero*, will be received in Spanish Consulate.

3 p.m.—*Moray* and *Japan* leave for Singapore, &c.

4 p.m.—*Crusador* leaves for Port Darwin, Cooktown, &c.

FRIDAY, April 16.—

9 p.m.—Meeting of Perseverance Lodge.

SATURDAY, April 17.—

Daylight.—Mitsui Bishi Mail leaves for Yokohama, &c.

5 p.m.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

SATURDAY, May 1.—

1 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

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Soda Water, Lemonade, Tonic Water, Gingerale, Potass Water, Sarsaparilla Water, and other Aerial Waters.  
The Manufactory is under direct and continuous European Supervision.  
Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

PASSENGERS arriving in Hongkong, or any other persons who may desire to consult the files of local, China, Japan, American, English, Indian or Australian newspapers, are invited to call at the "CHINA MAIL" Office, where over sixty newspapers, dailies and weeklies, from those countries, are now filed for reference.

**DEATH.**  
At Shanghai, on the 6th inst., EDWARD FRANKS, the infant son of Joseph and Lucy Sarah Love, aged 10 months.

The publication of this issue commenced at 8.20 p.m.

**The China Mail.**  
HONGKONG, MONDAY, APRIL 12, 1880.

**REUTERS TELEGRAMS.**  
[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL."]  
(Per E. E. & Co. Telegraph Co.'s Line.)

**THE ELECTIONS.**  
London, April 9.  
The returns so far as known show 317 Liberals and 198 Conservatives have been elected.

**WARRICK MOVEMENTS.**  
London, April 9.  
Five more Russian War Vessels have been ordered to China.

**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**

The next FRENCH MAIL may be expected here on or about the 12th or 13th inst., by the M. M. steamer *André*. She brings London dates to the 5th ult.

The next ENGLISH MAIL may be expected to arrive here on the 14th or 15th inst., by the P. & O. steamer *Nizam*. Home advices up to the 12th March are brought on by this opportunity.

The next AMERICAN MAIL may be expected here on or about the 17th inst. by the P. M. S. S. Co's steamer *City of Tokio*, which brings San Francisco dates to the 30th March.

THE Agents (Messrs Gibb, Livingston & Co.) inform us that the S.S. *Sunbeam* left Singapore this day for this port.

The mail steamer *Oceanic*, from Liverpool March 13th, arrived at Penang to-day en route for Hongkong; she will be due here about the 20th.

His Excellency the Netherlands Minister for China, the Hon. J. H. Ferguson, arrived to-day by the *Amazon* from Shanghai, on his way to Europe, and is staying at the Netherlands Consulate.

THE Shanghai *Mercury* hears from its London correspondent that Messrs Gibb, Livingston & Co.'s property in Hongkong has been sold for \$240,000, \$40,000 down, the balance in two years, bearing 4 per cent interest.

H.M.S. *Frolic*, 4, Commander S. H. Rickman, left this forenoon for Singapore, en route for England, having completed two commissions in the China command. She was recommended at this station on the 20th April 1876.

An admirably varied and successful entertainment was given in the City Hall on Saturday evening on the occasion of Miss Annie Shields ("the Queen of the Air") taking her farewell benefit. The house was fairly filled and the audience enthusiastic in their plaudits on the different performances. Terra Kithrie, with his sleight of hand, the magic ladder and sleight walking, was a treat. Oshie gave the pleasing butterfly trick very skillfully and some marvellous sleight of hand tricks. Two infant prodigies in the shape of May and Kim Kibie created great surprise by their swinging trapeze and perilous descent to the swing circle on a single rope. Mr. Richardson, an amateur, sang "The good-bye to the door" very creditably indeed and was well received. A somewhat stupid farcical sketch marred the entertainment considerably and brought what would otherwise have been a capital all-round performance to a somewhat lame and impotent conclusion.

We hear that the post of Registrar of the Supreme Court here has been at last filled by the appointment of Mr. H. F. Gibbons, barrister, of Middle Temple. Mr. Gibbons is said to be on the shady side of fifty, and must therefore possess some experience. Whether or not he is possessed of the kind of experience desiderated by the Supreme Court Commission that sat in this Colony and reported to us upon the whole question, remains to be seen. The salary of £1000 per annum of the new official is spoken of as likely to be unaccompanied by any allowances; and no fees whatever are to fall henceforth to the share of the Registrar in either division of the Court's jurisdiction. It is also whispered that special arrangements have been made regarding this appointment on the questions of pension and passage-money—an agreement of seven years certain being made, with no allowance for a return passage to England. In some respects, considering the age of the gentleman nominated, there may be reasonable ground for this provision—the ample salary being looked upon as a very fair return for services required; but the arrangement sounds rather peculiar. If, however, the Supreme Court is to be furnished with a professional gentleman in every way qualified to reform and thoroughly reorganize the Registrar's office, and bring about the happy state of things pictured by the Commission, the Colony will have reason for congratulation, even at this late hour of the day, for the much-needed improvement.

We observe that Lieut. Palander, of the Swedish Royal Navy, who commanded the now celebrated *Fega*, the exploring vessel in which Professor Nordenskiöld made the North East Passage, has contributed a long and interesting account of the voyage to the March number of *Blackwood*.

The Hawaiian Islands have recently been re-surveyed and their areas recalculated. The total area is officially stated as follows, in acres: Hawaii, 2,600,000; Maui, 400,000; Oahu, 230,000; Molokai, 100,000; Lanai, 100,000; Nihoa, 70,000; Kauai, 30,000. The census taken at the end of 1878 shows a total population of 57,955, being 1,088 more than in 1872. The natives and half-breeds decreased from 61,631 in 1872 to 47,608 in 1878, but the foreigners increased from 5366 to 10,477. This last number includes 638 Britons, a considerable increase over the number in 1872. The Americans were 1,776 in 1878, and the Chinese 5,916, the latter increasing very fast in number. Both exports and imports exceed \$3,000,000 in value.

**NEWS IN ADVANCE OF THE MAIL.**  
The following telegrams are from Indian papers of later dates than those that were brought on by the last mail:—

London, March 20.—Replying to a question in the House of Lords, Lord Cromer promised to confer with the new Governor of Bombay with a view to the extension of the Factory Act to Bombay.

London, March 21.—Mr. Farnell has arrived at Queenstown.

Lady Roberts has arrived at home from India.

Paris, March 21.—Hartmann denies having made a confession that he was the principal author of the Moscow attack on the czar's life.

[This is in contradiction of a telegram dated Paris, the 18th March, in which it was said that Hartmann confessed that he was principal author of the attempt to blow up the Czar's train at Moscow and says that he is now going to America.]

March 22.—In the Lords a conversation took place relating to the affairs in Afghanistan. Lord Cromer said that he was unable to state at present the policy of Government, and also said no arrangement had been come to with Russia or Persia regarding Herat, the importance of which he said was exaggerated, although in certain circumstances its annexation by Russia might be desirable (sic) but not dangerous.

Cable, March 19.—Ottawa recommendations are being lengthened daily now that the ground is getting fit for movement of troops. All quiet round Kabul. Supplies are being brought in at Candahar. A non-commissioned officer of the 93rd Highland was killed on the 19th by a Ghilzie fanatic. The Ghilzie was also killed.

Adm. March 19.—News has been received that the Grand Sheriff of Mecca was assassinated by a Cabulite fanatic at Jeddah on the 14th instant. The assassin has been arrested.

March 19.—Two Italian vessels laden with arms and ammunition for the Albanians have been arrested by Austrian cruisers.

Calcutta, March 21.—Mr. Lepel Griffin was to reach Calcutta on the afternoon of the 19th. General Roberts was to ride out to Lalaband to meet him from Calcutta.

St. Petersburg, March 18.—General Skobeleff starts next Tuesday to take command of expedition against the Tokke-Turkman.







